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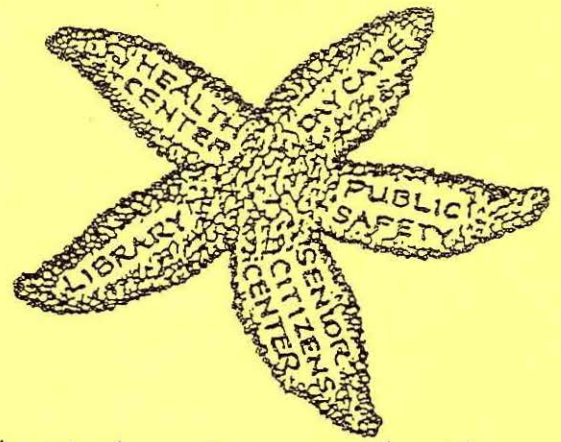
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# Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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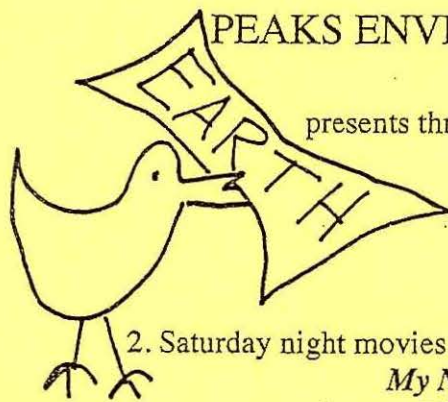
## Peaks Island Land Preserve

The Peaks Island Land Preserve is pleased to announce a new Swallow Project. Under the guidance of ornithologist Mike Steinberg, PILP is building 12-20 nesting-box birdhouses in an effort to repopulate the once indigenous birds. The birds are acrobats of the sky and voracious mosquito eaters. Hopefully we can engage island kids to help with the assembly and monitoring of nesting activity. Many of the nesting boxes are visible from the Backshore, and a map of their locations will soon be posted online. Please keep your eyes open for them and for any nesting activity. If you would like to sponsor a birdhouse, please send \$20 (tax-deductible) to Peaks Island Land Preserve, P.O. Box 99, Peaks Island, ME 04108. Your help is greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Curtis Rindlaub at [pilp@mainecoastguide.com](mailto:pilp@mainecoastguide.com) or by calling 766-2337.

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

presents three ways to celebrate Earth Day 2012  
on Sunday April 22



1. Annual Island Clean-Up
2. Saturday night movies on Earth Day Eve in the MacVane Community Room  
*My Neighbor Totoro* for kids at 6:00 p.m.  
*Plastic Planet* for Adults at 8:00 p.m.

3. Dedication of our newly planted red oak in the parking lot



## Loretta Voyer Fund

The Loretta Voyer Fund continues as a living memorial to her and was specifically set up to help islanders who are receiving treatment for Cancer. The fund will provide either individual boat tickets for the patient or if needed will provide a car ticket, which includes the driver, and an additional ticket for the patient.

If a patient is undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgical/outpatient surgical treatments, a board member can make necessary arrangements for the patient to receive transportation tickets. Any of the following board members can be contacted for information and/or tickets: Melissa Conrad, Jerry Garman, Deborah Kendall, Kathleen McCarthy, Toni Muro, Judy Piawlock, Suellen Roberts, and Jan Thomas.

Because of the service this fund provides, we have been very fortunate to receive the continuing support of the community and hope to continue this service as long as funds are available.

## A FEW WORDS PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The winter months have been busy, PITEA is not only raising funds the committee is expending them as well. We paid partial taxes for those Islanders who were approved by the clergy. Our Tax Assistance for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was about \$6000. The assistance was certainly helpful but the homeowners still had significant amounts to pay.

Since, Maine's funding for energy assistance programs was cut back, some residents needed our help. Luckily, Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance (PITEA) is not a recipient of funding from government sources. Our funds are derived from individual donations, the MarketAmerica program for charitable organizations, matching funds as requested by donors, plus our own fundraisers such as the Loaf and Ladle Dinners, yard sales, summer raffles, etc,

Our weather has been warmer than normal and fuel bills were a little lower. However, energy prices did spike. Energy assistance applications are still available. Just to clarify our process: ONLY approved applicants may request fuel deliveries. We must have a bill to pay our portion. Please mail that invoice to PITEA, PO Box 126, Peaks Island.

We do predict that we will expend \$9000 for Energy Assistance. Although it seems to be a large amount, it only makes a small dent in the amount of money that Islanders must pay.

**PITEA needs some new members.** Those who serve on the PITEA Board raise the funds to keep us going. Our meetings are held once a month. We do one fundraiser/dinner a month from September through June and at least one fundraiser during the summer. Best of all we all work together and know that our efforts are needed. We are ISLANDERS HELPING ISLANDERS.

Please call Cynthia at 766-0067 or send us a note at P O Box 126, on Peaks.

Next Loaf and Ladle: Saturday, April 28, 5-7 p.m., Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall, \$6.50 per adult and \$2.50 per child. The menus is Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Vegetarian Pot Pie, dessert pies and more pies!



PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER  
87 CENTRAL AVENUE  
PEAKS ISLAND, MAINE 04108

Open Letter to the Peaks Community,

4.1.2012

As many of you know, InterMed made an organizational decision to withdraw from the Peaks Island site. InterMed's last day of operation at the Center was March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Health Center Board is currently in final negotiations with two fine health care organizations who have expressed their desire to come to Peaks. While change can often be disconcerting, an exciting new chapter is about to unfold for our Health Center and for our community here on Peaks Island. We look forward to announcing the initial steps of this next chapter when they become finalized early in the month of April.

With the advent of spring, the Peaks Island Health Center Board of Directors would like to give thanks to InterMed Health Care for providing effective and caring health services to our Island community and visitors for over four years. We would particularly like to thank InterMed CEO, Dan McCormack, for his consistent support and guidance during this transition period. Our gratitude has been well earned by the medical staff whose professionalism and ownership of this effort was evidenced in their attentiveness and in their caring personalities. Thank you also to our clinical staff, who have clearly contributed so much to our well-being and to the Health Center experience. And a special thanks to Mary Grimaldi MA, who has been the sun around whom this small world of Island health has orbited.

For medical needs during this transition period, please contact your primary care provider.

Marge Powers-President  
Peaks Island Health Center Board of Directors

**Peaks Island Junior Girl Scout Troop**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Peaks Island Girl Scout cookie sale. We are sending cookies to Maine military personnel at home and abroad thru Operation Cookie Share --a national Girl Scout event. Operation Cookie Share provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to let military troops know how much we greatly appreciate their service by purchasing and sending Girl Scout Cookies to them.

Peaks Troop 1977 is sending cookies out this year in April to Peaks Island and Portland armed forces personnel serving both at home and abroad. We invite anyone interested in making a donation to Operation Cookie Share to join with us. We are also inviting anyone who would like to send a note or letter to accompany the boxes of Girl Scouts cookies to do so. Cookies and words from neighbors will go a long way to those who will receive them.

In its second year, Operation Cookie Share is a great success and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

For more information, to "donate a box" or to include your note or letter to our Maine members of the armed forces, please contact Diane Ricciotti at [summercottagespeaks@yahoo.com](mailto:summercottagespeaks@yahoo.com) or 766-5183.

## **April at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

in the Community Building    766-5540    email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)  
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Peaks Island Branch Library has been given a membership to the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine? The membership entitles library patrons to 50% off Museum admission for up to 4 people (one library use per day). To use it, come in and we will give you a pass for the date you plan to go. You may call ahead to reserve the date. With April school vacation coming up, you may want to plan ahead to use the pass.

**Knitting Instruction** continues on Tuesday afternoons after school. Thank you Mrs. Dilger!

**PreSchool Story Time** Fridays at 10:15. All island children and visitors are welcome.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** On April 3, Kay Taylor will moderate the discussion of *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson. For the May 1 meeting, the book will be *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. That has been a very popular book, so if you have read it, please consider coming to the discussion even if you have never been before. To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email the library. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

There are many **events throughout April to celebrate poetry** at the BIG library at Monument Square, including the always popular Edible Books Festival on Friday, April 6 and a Children's Poetry Program with Andrew Fersch on Saturday, April 7, and a poetry writing contest. To read about these, go to the library's website, [portlandlibrary.com](http://portlandlibrary.com).



**PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP:** 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854 [www.picw.org](http://www.picw.org)

**PICW will be closed Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Patriot's Day**

Please join us for these upcoming events:

**"Positive Behavior Supports" with Faith York**

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm @ PICW

Come learn about self-awareness, prevention, intervention in challenging situations, and building coping skills with young children.

**Annual Cinco de Mayo Burrito Dinner and Auction at Jones Landing**

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Burritos 5:30 - 6:30, followed by the Auction at 6:45

We are accepting applications for our infant/toddler program. Space is limited – please call for availability.

Friday Toddler group: 10:15am until 11am, weather permitting - please call to confirm.

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Christina Foster, 221-3445 or [cmfisc@hotmail.com](mailto:cmfisc@hotmail.com).



## Peaks Island Elementary School

Artist Jamie Hogan visited the school on "Read Across America Day" (Dr. Seuss' birthday!) and worked with each class. She read some Dr. Seuss stories and talked to the students about her latest project, a book called A Warmer World: From Polar Bears to Butterflies, How Climate Change Affects Wildlife. The students sketched some animals and talked with Jamie about her illustrations. This is what Eddie, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, had to say about Jamie's book:

*We read the book in class. The illustrations she drew were so beautiful and were so realistic. In fact, they were so good that we had to stop reading because it was sad to hear about amazing animals starting to be endangered or becoming extinct. Afterward, we talked about the author's purpose and how it raises awareness, and we realized how our daily life can endanger and destroy species. The book and illustrations inspired me to think more about global warming and its effect on animals.*

And from May (Grade 5):

*Jamie's illustrations made the book all the better and really brought out an awareness in us. Her drawings also brought out our emotions for the adorable little animals. Now we all really want to help and we feel it is our responsibility to help save the animals and protect the Earth.*

Thank you, Jamie, for sharing with us!

The school had a visit on Friday, March 23rd from "Crusher", the mascot of the Red Claws basketball team. Crusher and his friend Arien, from the Red Claws outreach staff, spoke to the students about healthy eating and the importance of staying active. Crusher and Arien were quite impressed with the fitness and active lifestyles of our students!

The teaching staff would like to thank the PTO for the delicious food provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences (March 21-23)! There were salads from the LaFlamme and Daligan families, lasagna from Tanya Seredin & Steve Mohr, bread from Jess Burton, and a scrumptious apple cobbler from Emma & Melissa Conrad. Yum!

Finally, you may have noticed some changes on the playground. Ethan Owens from the Portland Parks & Recreation Department applied for and was awarded a grant for playground equipment. Climbers, monkey bars and balance beams are being installed at a number of schools across the City. Thank you for your patience while the installation continues here at Peaks. It won't be long before we will be able to use the new equipment!

## SENIOR NEWS

The Peaks Island Seniors met on March 12<sup>th</sup> for their monthly pot luck luncheon. We were decked out in green and dined on delicious comfort foods and deserts.

Let's celebrate Spring at our next potluck luncheon on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a dish to share and join us at noon at the Fay Garman House Community Room. All Seniors are welcome! If you don't consider yourself a Senior, come anyway!!!

**St. Christopher's Catholic Church**

**Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746**

**Holy Week Services include The Triduum at the Cathedral at 7 PM on Holy Thursday, April 5th and at 7 PM on Good Friday, April 6th. The Easter Vigil will be at the Cathedral at 7:30 PM on Holy Saturday.**

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be at Whaleback on the Peaks Island Back Shore at 6 AM on Sunday, April 8th, followed by Breakfast at the Brackett Church Hall.**

**Easter Sunday Mass will be at 10 AM at St. Christopher's.**

**Regular Sunday Mass is at 10:00 AM each week followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited and details are on-line at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).**

**Information: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.**

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*Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church*

*Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds; We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation; 9 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine*

*Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson; 207-766-5013; Admin. Asst. Mavourneen Thompson; [www.brackettmumc.org](http://www.brackettmumc.org)*

**Worship**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10a., w/childcare and followed by informal fellowship gathering in the church hall.  
Taize Service Wednesdays, 6:05-6:35p at Brackett Church on April 4 and 18; St. Christopher's, April 11 and 25.

Easter Week: Palm Sunday worship, April 1, 10a.; Maundy Thursday, April 5, potluck, 6p., Tenebrae Ser., 7p.; Good Friday, April 6, 12-3p., Prayer/Meditation; 3p., Stations of the Cross, Ecumenical Ser. w/St. Chris at Brackett; Easter Vigil, Friday, 4p-Saturday, 4p.; Easter crafts, Saturday, 1:30-3p. for all; Easter Sunday, April 8, Sunrise Ser., Whaleback, 6p., Pancake Brkfst Brackett, 6:30p., Worship, 10a.

**Meetings and Activities**

Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10a., parsonage. All are welcome!

Children's Choir Tuesdays, 2:45-3:15p.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p., parsonage. All are welcome!

Girl Scouts Tuesdays April 10 and 24, 3:45-5:15p.

Open Tweens Mondays and Thursdays, 2:30-6p. Free and open to all 4-8 graders.

Tween Night Friday, April 13, 6:30-9p.

**Special Events**

Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-6p.

Church Supper Thursday, April 26, 5-6:30p. Free and open to everyone.

Yoga Thursday, April 12, 6:30-8:30p.

**Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**CERT volunteers prepare to respond to disasters on the Island with regular training by members of the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Albert Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.**

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

Be sure to mark the following events and dates on your calendars:

Friday, April 20, 5-7 PM—at the Legion. Spaghetti dinner, with proceeds to benefit ongoing Auxiliary projects.

Saturday, May 26—step-off at 11:15 AM—Annual Memorial Day Parade with dock and graveside services in honor of deceased veterans. Note: Day change to Saturday!!!!

Thursday, May 31—deadline for submitting applications for Auxiliary scholarships. This scholarship is available to high school graduates furthering their educations. First consideration is given to children of active members of the Auxiliary, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or any Peaks Island full-time resident who is a high school graduate. Write a letter explaining your efforts to continue your education—college, vocational or trade school, career courses, etc.—by May 31, 2012. Scholarships are awarded at the end of the first semester of work. Include the name of your school, your full name, your educational goals, and the name of a parent or guardian, who will also need to endorse the check. Send your application to

American Legion Auxiliary  
Lisa Lynch, Scholarship Chairman  
17 Elizabeth Street  
Peaks Island, ME 04108

Remember: The deadline for submitting applications is May 31, 2012.

Upcoming events: More hat raffles!!! Flag Day program and awarding of essay prizes!!! PeaksFest—breakfast and strawberry shortcake!!!

AND

Friday, July 27—Join us at the Legion for a traditional World War II era USO Show!!! This event is part of the Fifth Maine's World War II weekend. More to follow!!!!

## American Legion Randall MacVane Post 142

### Easter Weekend Pancake Breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 7th from 8-10:30AM. Pancakes, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs and orange juice and coffee - \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

The Randall MacVane Post 142 is a smoke free environment.



## APRIL ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (dln@portlandmaine.gov or 766-2970) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island, on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you leave a phone message but I don't get back to you, please call again as I may not have received the original message. Thanks!  
Facility schedule may be viewed on-line at <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp> but reservations must be made by contacting Denise.

### FIRST MONDAY FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Monday, April 2 11:00 am – 12 noon (in com. room)

Monday, May 7 11:00 am – 12 noon (in com. room)

Be creative with your little one(s). Make some spring-time crafts; music and dancing too! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### AFTERNOON MOVIE: *THE WAY*

Thursday, April 12 1– 3:00 pm (com. rm.)

This movie is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Stars Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez.

### EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES – OPEN TO ALL

Thursday, April 19 NATURE WALK and CLEAN-UP  
1:00 pm – Meet at com. building – location to be determined  
Please dress for the weather as this walk will take place rain or shine. Bring your own work gloves, if you have them. This event is co-sponsored by PI's Girl Scout Troop # 1977. Open to all; special invitation to current & former Scouts (Girl or Boy).

Friday, April 20 ECO-FRIENDLY SPRING CLEANING  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm (com. rm.) Drop in anytime and share some of your "old-fashion" cleaning tips. Helpful household tips using vinegar, baking soda and other alternatives to harsh chemicals will be available.

### SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND SHOPPING TRIP (Scarborough)

Monday, April 23 12:45 pm boat/4:30 pm return

Look for bargains at the Christmas Tree Shop and Marden's  
Van transportation fee is \$4. Deadline to register is Thurs. 4/19

### LAUGHTER YOGA CLUB (com. rm.)

Monday, April 30 Drop in anytime 10:45am-12:00 noon

Ready yourself for World Laughter Day (Sunday, May 6)!  
Learn to laugh at nothing at all – and receive all the health benefits that laughter can bring. No previous experience necessary as the Yoga part involves breathing and not postures.

### GARDEN SERIES BEGINS IN MAY: SEED STARTING

Monday, May 7 1:00 – 2:00 pm (community room)

Please check page 29 of Portland Recreation's summer brochure. Come learn from others and share your knowledge

#### On-going exercise programs for Adults

FMI, please leave a message for Denise (766-2970)

Walking Program (or indoor stretching):

Mondays and Thursdays – meet at 8:30 in the com. rm.

Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights:

Mondays and Thursdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am (com. rm.)

Ping Pong:

Tuesday afternoons – 2:00 pm in the community room

Wednesday mornings – 10:00 am in the community room

Adult Basketball (\$2 pp/per night):

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 8:00 pm at PI School Gym



### Saturday Night Movies in April



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Apr	6 PM	Apr	8 PM
7	<i>Flushed Away</i> (2006) PG, 84 min	7	<i>Shirley Valentine</i> (1989) R, 108 min
14	<i>Green Lantern</i> (2011) PG-13, 114 min	14	<i>Cave of Forgotten Dreams</i> (2010) G, 90 min
21	<u><b>Note Special Starting Time: 5:30 pm</b></u> <i>War Horse</i> (2011) PG-13, 146 min	21	<i>Wall-E</i> (2008) G, 98 min
<u><b>Special Movies for Earth Day on April 28</b></u>			
28	<i>My Neighbor Totoro</i> (1988), G, 88 min	28	<i>Plastic Planet</i> (2009) Documentary, 95 min

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR:** Wednesday, April 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door if you come when the library is closed.